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1. MEETING, CHAIRED BY UK AND ATTENDED BY ALL MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS EXCEPT BELGIUM HAD BEFORE IT FOLLOWING AGENDA:
A. GENEVA GROUP (ILO)
1. MANAGERIAL IMPLICATIONS OF RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE;
2. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS BEFORE THE
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GOVERNING BODY.

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B. GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL)
1. DURATION OF XII CONSULTATION;
2. EXCESSIVE PAPER FLOW IN UN AGENCIES.

2. UNDER SUBJECT OF ILO RE-ORGANIZATION (DOC GB 194/23/24) (CIRCULAR 62, REFTEL) IT WAS NOTED THAT REPORT IN QUESTION WAS PLACED BEFORE GOVERNING BODY FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY AND COMPRISED AN INTERNAL ILO CIRCULAR WHICH WILL HAVE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1975. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSIION AS TO WHETHER NEW ORGANIZATION OF STRUCTURE REFLECTS ADEQUATELY THE ILO WORK PROGRAM AND LONG TERM PLAN, THE PRINCIPLE AREA OF CONCERN WAS ROLE, IF ANY, OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERALS (ADGS) IN NEW ORGANIZATION. ASSUMING THREE PRINCIPAL SECTORS (TECHNICAL PROGRAMS, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICIAL RELATIONS) ARE ALL TO BE HEADED BY DEPUTY DGS IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHAT DIVISIONS OR DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THESE SECTORS WOULD BE HEADED BY ADGS OR OF THE IMPLICATIONS FOR SENIOR PERSONNEL OF THESE CHANGES. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE GROUP, MERELY ON THE STRENGTH OF THE DOCUMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHART ATTECHED THERETO, WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO THE REORGANIZATION PLAN BUT THAT THERE WERE MANY UNKNOWN FACTORS. IT WAS HOPED THAT PLAN WOULD BRING ABOUT BETTER MANAGEMENT AND RESULTING ECONOMIES.

3. ON FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS BEFORE GOVERNING BODY, US NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF EXTRA EXPENDITURES TO BE FINANCED ON THE BASIS OF BORROWING FROM THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND WERE BEFORE THE BODY. SUCH BORROWINGS WOULD RESULT IN EXTRA ASSESSMENTS LATER. MOREOVER US ANTICIPAATED THAT TAKING INFO ACCOUNT INFLATION AND CURRENCY FLUCTUATION AS WELL AS PLANS FOR ITMES SUCH AS WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE MIGHT RESULT IN A BUDGETARY INCREASE OF AS MUCH AS 35 PERCENT.

4. AUSTRALIAN REP SUGGESTED SAVINGS MIGHT BE FOUND BY ELIMINATION OF WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFORE A SPECIAL DG REPORT ON THE SUBJECT WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED BY A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE REGULAR ILO CONFERENCE. THIS IDEA WAS SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL SPEAKERS (UK, FRG, JAPAN, CANADA). JAPAN ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE DEMANDS BEING SURFACED UNDER WHICH COMMITTEE OF 77
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WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A SPECIAL GROUP. JAPAN NOTED THAT ILO STRUCTURE PROVIDES FOR GROUPS OR BODIES OF WORKERS, EMPLOYERS, AND GOVERNMENTS AND FOR REGIONAL GROUPINGS. THERE SHOULD NOT BE OTHER SPECIAL GROUPINGS OF COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE SEVENTY-SEVEN. IN JAPAN'S VIEWPOINT THE IDEA OF A WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE SPRANG FROM THE SAME SOURCE AS THE CALL FOR A GROUP OF 77 CATEGORY.

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5. IN REFERENCE TO AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL ON WORLD EMPLOYMENT, THE US SAID THAT A PROBLEM MIGHT BE ENCOUNTERED WITH WORKERS WHO MIGHT FEEL THAT A SPECIAL REPORT ON WORLD EMPLOYMENT MIGHT TEND TO INFRINGE UPON OR RESTRICT ATTENTION TO STANDAR SETTING REPORTS. CANADA SUGGESTED AND THERE WAS GENERAL RECOGNITION THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AN ACCOMMODATION WITH THE WORKERS ON THIS MATTER.

6. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS THE GG(GENERAL) AGREED THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE NO OBJECTION TO THE USPROPOSAL FOR A 2 1/2 DAY DURATION FOR THE XII CONSULTATION ALTHOUGH ITALIANS AND JAPANESE REPS WERE UNINSTRUCTED BY THEIR GOVS AND THE BELGIANS WERE NOT PRESENT. IT WAS NOTED THAT PLANS WOULD GO FORWARD FOR A 2 1/2 DAY SESSION UNLESS VIEWPOINT TO THE CONTRARY WAS RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 15.

7. ON SUBJECT OF EXCESSIVE FLOW OF PAPER, A SUBJECT MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE AREA OF GENEVA GROUP INTEREST AT LAST MEETING, IT WAS AGREED TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION UNTIL NEXT GENEVA GROUP MEETING WITH THE HOPE THAT MEMBERS WOULD GIVE THE SUBJECT THEIR ATTENTION AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE BASIS FOR FUTURE GENEVA GROUP ACTION.

8. UK REP RAISED MATTER OF NATIONAL RATIFICATION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE WHO CONSTITUTION ON ENLARGMENT OF WHO EX BD. HE NOTED THAT NUMBER RATIFYING NOW STOOD AT 81 WITH ABOUT 12 MORE RATIFICATIONS NECESSARY FOR AMENDMENT TO TAKE EFFECT.

9. IT WAS AGREED THAT NEXT MEETING OF GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) WOULD BE HELD IN EARLY DECEMBER.DALE

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